New Master plan for Delhi

1070. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new master plan on building bye laws introduced for Delhi 2001 were never circulated for public objections;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the provisions of the new master plan are affecting the building activities in Delhi; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make changes in the master plan for Delhi 2001?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEV-ELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Modifications in the Development code of Master Plan for Delhi were made after due notice to the public and after considering objections and suggestions received in response thereto.

(b) The building activity in Delhi is to be regulated as per the provisions contained in the Development code.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Movement 0f essential commodities affected by political communal turm-oil in the country

1071. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUP PLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether movement of essential commodities has been adversely affected by political/communal turmoil in the country;

(b) whether the North East because of the long haul from sources of supply, a narrow land conduit, scarcity and high cost of fuel, has suffered in particular;

(c) whether there is any scheme to ensure supplies to the North-East; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Though there have been difficulties in the movement of some essential commodities, specially petroleum products, their supplies to the State Government | UT Administrations including the North East, for distribution through public distribution system, were generally maintained.

(c) and (d) In view of the logistic situation and the difficult terrain in the North East, the Government makes special efforts to maintain supplies of essential commodities to the region, by resorting to alternative modes of transport when required.

Amendment to land ceiling Acts of the States

1072. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Powered Committee on agriculture has suggested that the Land Ceiling Acts of the States should be suitably amended to bring not only more areas under cultivation but also to permit those who cultivate such lands to retain the half;

(b) if so, what are the other re-commendations made by the Committee; and

(c) to what extent Government are considering the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) The High Powered Committee on Agricultural Policies and Programmes has suggested that agriculture land ceiling Acts should be amended to provide that any on$_e$ who brings under productive cultivation any culturable land, which had been lying barren and unproductive during preceding 6 years, will be allowed to retain 50